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2. IN VIEW OUR STRONG DESIRE HAVE ALL MEMBERS USDEL
TREATED EQUALLY AND RECOGNIZED AS MEMBERS OF OFFICIAL
DELEGATION, AND VIRTUAL IMPOSSIBILITY ACCOMPLISH THIS IF
SOME MEMBERS REQUIRED TRAVEL INTOURIST (WHICH WE WISH TO
AVOID UNDER EXCHANGES AGREEMENT), REQUEST EMBASSY SEEK
MINED AGREEMENT TO PAY ALL LOCAL COSTS (INTERNAL TRAVEL,
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HOTELS, MEALS, ETC.) FOR ALL 12 MEMBERS (13TH MEMBER
HAS BEEN DROPPED). IN RETURN US SIDE WOULD AGREE TO
RECEIVE ONE ADDITIONAL SEVEN-PERSON SOVDEL FROM MINED.
UNDER THIS PROPOSAL, DURING 1974-76 PROGRAM THERE WOULD BE
TWO USDELS OF FIVE AND TWELVE MEMBERS IN FIELD OF PUBLIC
EDUCATION, AND THREE SOVDELS WITH TOTAL OF SEVENTEEN
MEMBERS. IN VIEW GREAT INTEREST IN US-USSR EDUCATION
EXCHANGES, WE BELIEVE 1974-76 PROGRAM CAN EASILY ACCOM-

MODATE THIS PROPOSED INCREASE. FYI WE DO NOT WISH TO
CONSIDER A USDEL AS SUBSTITUTE FOR BILATERAL SEMINAR
SINCE WE CONSIDER LATTER TO BE MORE EFFECTIVE VEHICLE IN
COMMUNICATING WITH SOVIET EDUCATORS. WE ALSO FORESEE
ADMINISTRATIVE NIGHTMARE IF SOME USDEL MEMBERS PAY COSTS

THROUGH INTOURIST WHILE MINED COVERS COST OF OTHERS. END
FYI.

3. VISA APPLICATIONS BEING SUBMITTED SOVEMBASSY WASHINGTON.

REQUEST MFA AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE.

4. REQUEST REPLY IMMEDIATE. KISSINGER

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